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I had lunch with the Weickers at their attractive house at 53, Rue Monceau. Lowell is [redacted] interested in his work on the international staff and thinks there has been a great improvement in the efficiency of the group there.

I stopped in at Neuville's on my way back and picked up a couple of 18th Century trifles.

David Schoenbrun and Bob Kleiman called on me. They are exercised over the ideas advanced by President Eisenhower of a non-aggression pact with Russia. They wonder whether this will not delay action in France on EDC. I wonder similarly, but think they exaggerate the effects of the President's statement, which, if taken seriously, will no doubt be amplified.

Tonight Peggy and Lew Douglas, Pamela Berry, the Bohlens, Joyces and Grahams came for dinner. We had quite an argument afterwards with Lew, who has somehow got his theories about the gold standard mixed up with skepticism over the desirability of European integration. Michael Berry was unfortunately late on his flight from London, and so was not present for this debate. After the Douglases and Pamela departed, we settled down to other disputations and arguments, and, with the help of quite a flow of champagne, carried on our interchanges until about three o'clock in the morning. Chip is leaving tomorrow for Berlin and thence to Moscow, probably to be accompanied by Congressman Chiperfield, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives.

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